

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-6 and 21-24 are pending in this application. Claim 1 has been amended to align its scope with recently allowed composition claims in parent application no. 09/966,893 by reciting a recognized property of the protein produced by the claimed method: selective importation by macrophages. Claims 7-20 have been canceled. Claims 21 and 22 and the non-elected diseases and enzymes recited in claims 2 and 3 have been withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner as they are drawn to non-elected species. Claims 23 and 24 have been added and are drawn to a specific lysosomal storage disorder and associated protein from the markush groups listed in claims 2 and 3, respectively.

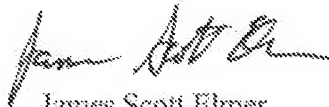
II. Telephonic Interview

Applicants thank Examiner Fronda for the courteous and helpful telephonic interview held on Tuesday, January 23 to discuss this application and the corresponding parent application. During the interview Examiner Fronda indicated that the pending claims, along with withdrawn claims 21 and 22, would be allowable if the claims were amended such that the protein produced by the claimed method was commensurate in scope with the allowed composition claims in parent application no. 09/966,893.

III. Conclusion

Having amended the claims as requested, it is believed that the Examiner may properly withdraw all outstanding rejections and objections and allow pending claims 1-6 and 21-24. No fee is believed to be required for consideration of this submission. If applicants are incorrect and a fee is required the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 501968.

Respectfully submitted,



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